considering the enormous extent of land available. If Government should dispose of, at least, the major portion of these lands, they will get a large profit, in addition to the annual revenue of about Rs. 10 lakhs. Some of the lands are very valuable and Government may get a large amount.

Dewan.—This has been referred to in my opening Address. A Special Officer has been appointed; he will inspect the lands in person, select those which are fit for cultivation and prepare plans therefor. A committee has also been appointed to consider what lands should be reserved for the use of the Amrut Mahal cattle, and whether any more lands can be surrendered for cultivation.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—Two non-officials should be appointed to the Committee and at the time of inspection, two local men of each place should be co-opted in the deliberations of the Committee.

Revenue Commissioner.—It is not necessary to take any non-official on the Committee. The Committee which consists of officials will look to the people's interest.

SUBJECT No. 34.

Consolidation of agricultural holdings.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—There are small agricultural holdings scattered in the State. There are no paths for the cultivators to go about for inspection or for removing crops, etc., from their fields. It is therefore very desirable to make these holdings compact and to properly fence them. An Act called the Agricultural Holdings Act may be introduced in the State. The limit for each holding may be fixed at not less than three acres of wet and five acres of dry land. The Madras Government have asked the Survey Settlement Officer to give his opinion in regard to this matter, and the Baroda Government have also received a report in this matter from a Committee formed in that State, and a Consolidation Act is to be issued there very shortly. An Act has been passed in Guzarat, which may be examined. Whether the consolidation can be done during re-survey should also be considered.

One of the members was opposed to the proposal and said that small holdings must be continued in the interests of poor people.

Second Member of Council.—The Madras Government have tried this and found it to be quite impracticable. There is no use of passing an Act which is not practicable.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—Cart-tracks should be provided in villages for the convenience of the village population.

Dewan.—The suggestion will be noted for consideration. Encroachments on such tracks should be made punishable. The Revenue Commissioner will make a note of it.

SUBJECT No. 35.

Introduction of the system of Record of Rights in the State.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundaiya, H. Boranna and K. Mahadevappa, Hassan Taluk, and H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan Town Municipality.

Mr. N. S. Nanjundayya.—The system of Record of Rights may be introduced in the State tentatively for, at least, three years in the first instance. It may afterwards be revised or continued as the case may be.

Dewan.—The question of the formation of a Land Record Department in Mysore has been discussed on several occasions. It has been decided that it should lie over for some time. The scheme involves additional expenditure which it is not possible to incur now.